

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7-9, 12-13, 19-21, 24-25, and 31 as indicated below.

Please add new claims 35-37 as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

c' generating, automatically with an electronic device without user intervention, a local network search request in response to an original search request, the local network search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents unconsciously captured by a local network device, wherein the unconsciously captured documents are stored by a device that is part of a local network, the search of the electronic documents unconsciously captured to be performed according to search parameters of the original search request; and generating, automatically and substantially simultaneously with the electronic device without having to wait for a search result of the local network search request from the local network, an external network search request in response to the original search request, the external network search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents available from devices that are part of an external network via a network portal of an external network according to the search parameters of the original search request; and generating a single search report at the electronic device based on the search results of the local network search request and the external network search request.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the local network device comprises a file management appliance.

3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the file management appliance generates the local network search request and the external network search request.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the file management appliance performs a search of the unconsciously captured electronic documents in response to the local network search request.

c' 5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein an Internet portal performs a search of the electronic documents available via a network portal of an external network in response to the external network search request.

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the local network search request and the external network search request are generated by a portal appliance in response to the original search request.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising generating a~~ wherein the single search report is generated by combining at least portions of content from the search results of the local network search request and the external network search request without revealing the associated unconsciously captured electronic documents of the local network to the external

network-based on results from the local network search request and the external network search request.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the search report is one of a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) document and an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the single search report is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document generated by integrating the external and local network search results, wherein the external network search result specifies where and how the local network search result to be integrated into the external network search result in order to form the single search report.

10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the search report comprises an advertisement selected based on the external network search request.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the search report comprises an advertisement selected based on analysis of documents indicated by search results.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
generating a third search request in response to the original search request, the third
search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents

available via a second network portal of the external network according to the search parameters of the original search request;
analyzing search results of the local network search request, the external network search request, and the third search request; and
generating the single search report in response to the analysis of the search results,
wherein the single search report is generated in accordance with a format
specified by the electronic device.

c' 13. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause one or more electronic devices to:

generate, automatically with an electronic device without user intervention, a local network search request in response to an original search request, the local network search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents unconsciously captured by a local network device, wherein the unconsciously captured documents are stored by a device that is part of a local network, the search of the electronic documents unconsciously captured to be performed according to search parameters of the original search request; ~~and~~
generate, automatically and substantially simultaneously with the electronic device without having to wait for a search result of the local network search request from the local network, an external network search request in response to the original search request, the external network search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents available from devices that are part of an

external network via a network portal of an external network according to the search parameters of the original search request; and
generate a single search report at the electronic device based on the search results of the
local network search request and the external network search request.

14. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the local network device comprises a file management appliance.

15. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein the file management appliance generates the local network search request and the external network search request.

16. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein the file management appliance performs a search of the unconsciously captured electronic documents in response to the local network search request.

17. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein an Internet portal performs a search of the electronic documents available via a network portal of an external network in response to the external network search request.

18. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the local network search request and the external network search request are generated by a portal appliance in response to the original search request.

19. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the single search report is generated by combining at least portions of content from the search results of the local network search request and the external network search request without revealing the associated unconsciously captured electronic documents of the local network to the external network~~further comprising generating a search report based on results from the local network search request and the external network search request.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report is one of a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) document and an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the single search report is generated by integrating the external and local network search results, wherein the external network search result specifies where and how the local network search result to be integrated into the external network search result in order to form the single search report~~an Extensible Markup Language (XML) document.~~

22. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report comprises an advertisement selected based on the external network search request.

23. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report comprises an advertisement selected based on analysis of documents indicated by search results.

24. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 13 further comprising:
generating a third search request in response to the original search request, the third
search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic documents
available via a second network portal of an external network according to the
search parameters of the original search request;
analyzing search results of the local network search request, the external network search
request, and the third search request; and
generating the single search report in response to the analysis of the search results,
wherein the single search report is generated in accordance with a format
specified by the electronic device.

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a first device to automatically capture electronic documents from a local network; and
an application to be executed by the first device to search the captured electronic
documents in response to a search request, wherein the application also generates
an external document search request in response to the search request
substantially simultaneously without having to wait for a search result of the local
network,
wherein the first device transmits the external document search request to a second
device on an external network, wherein the second device on the external network
performs the external document search request to generate a search of electronic
documents from an external network, and

wherein the first device combines the local and the external network search results to generate a single search report.

26-29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the external document search is performed by an Internet portal.

C 31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the search of captured electronic documents is performed by the first device.

32-34. (Canceled)

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the single search report is generated by combining at least portions of content from the search results of the local network search request and the external network search request without revealing the associated captured electronic documents of the local network to the external network.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the single search report is generated by integrating the external and local network search results, wherein the external network search result specifies where and how the local network search result to be integrated into the external network search result in order to form the single search report.

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37. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first device further generates a second external network search request to the external network which is performed by a third device on the external network and analyzes the search results of the captured electronic documents, the external document search request, and the second external network search request, wherein the single search report is generated in response to the analysis of the search results and the single search report is generated in accordance with a format specified by the first device.
